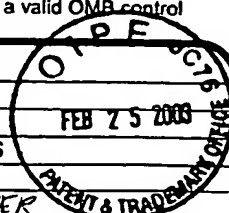
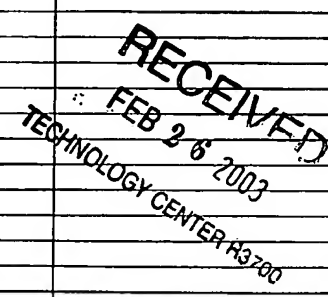


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> Date Submitted: February 25, 2003 (use as many sheets as necessary)			<b>Complete if Known</b> Application Number: 10/065,848 Filing Date: 11/25/2002 First Named Inventor: Evangelos LASKARIS Group Art Unit: 3738-2859 Examiner Name: Unassigned-FETZNER Attorney Docket Number: 040849-0194	
Sheet	1	of	1	



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
TAF	A1	5,874,880		Laskaris et al.	02/23/1999	
TAF	A2	5,874,882		Laskaris et al.	02/23/1999	
TAF	A3	5,883,558		Laskaris et al.	03/16/1999	
TAF	A4	5,994,991		Laskaris et al.	11/30/1999	
TAF	A5	5,999,075		Laskaris et al.	12/07/1999	
TAF	A6	6,150,819		Laskaris et al.	11/21/2000	
TAF	A7	6,157,279		Laskaris et al.	12/05/2000	
TAF	A8	6,166,617		Laskaris et al.	12/26/2000	
TAF	A9	6,172,588		Laskaris et al.	01/09/2001	



FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)			

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>6</sup>

Examiner Signature: <i>Tiffany A. Farnsworth</i>	Date Considered: Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup> 2004
--------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------

\*EXAMINER: Initial reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

<sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.